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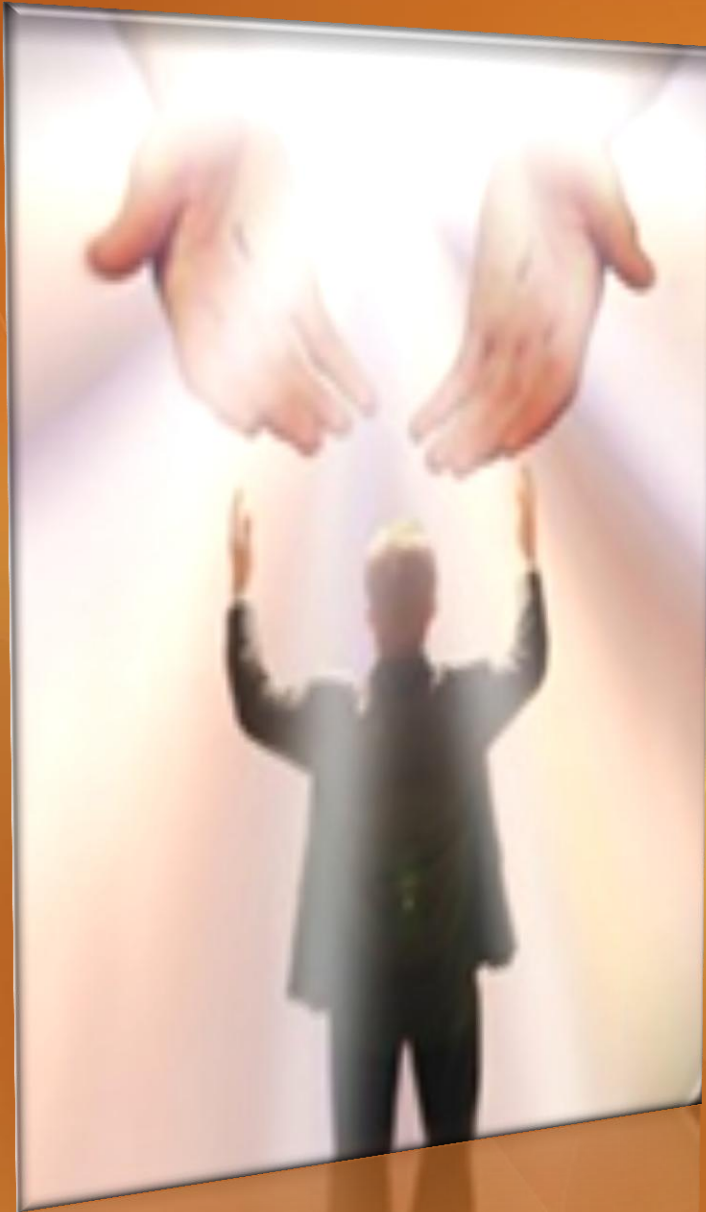
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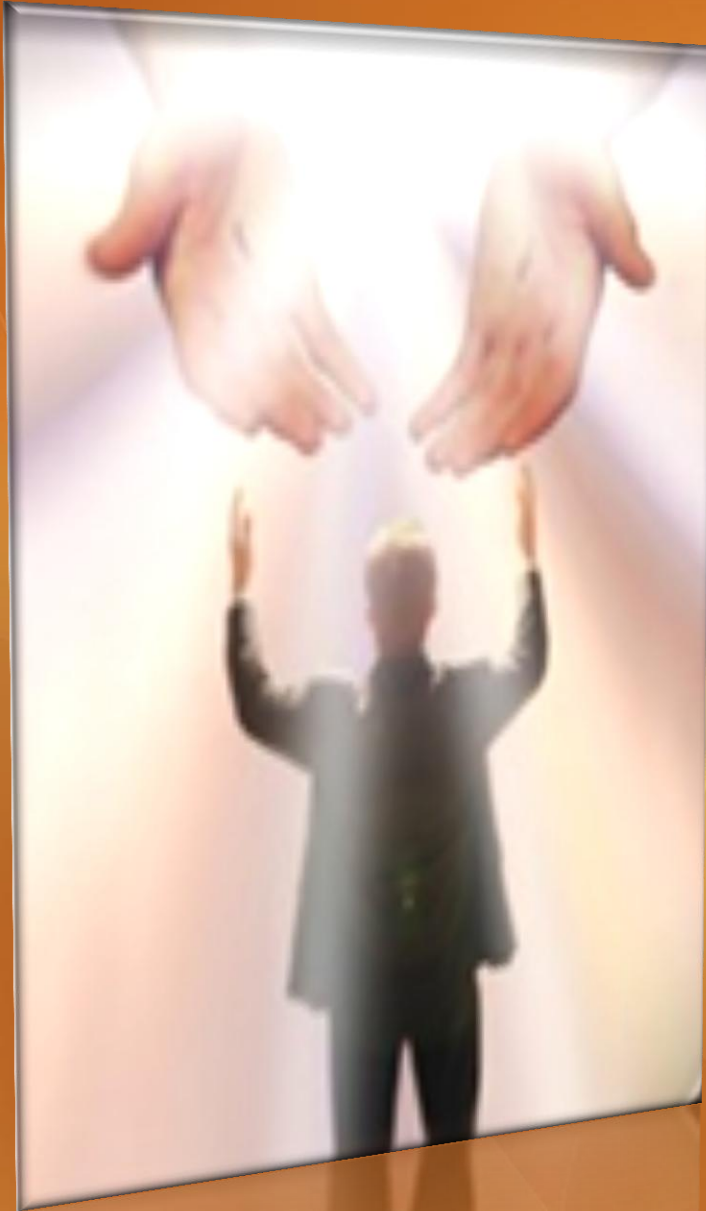
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**Are you desiring  
to draw nearer  
to God?**

**Are You  
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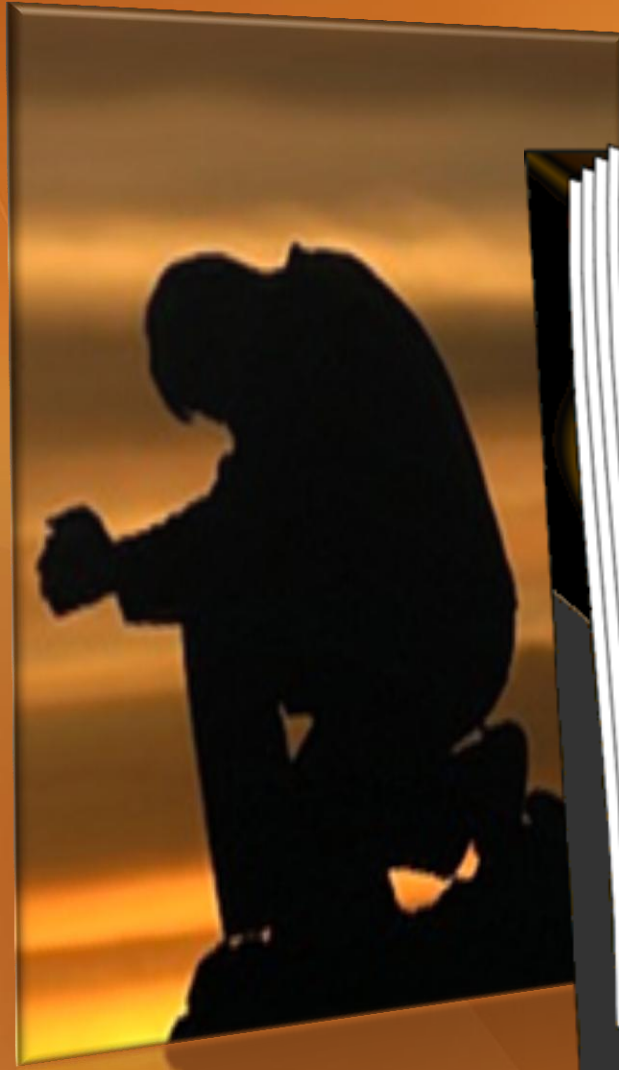
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**There Is A  
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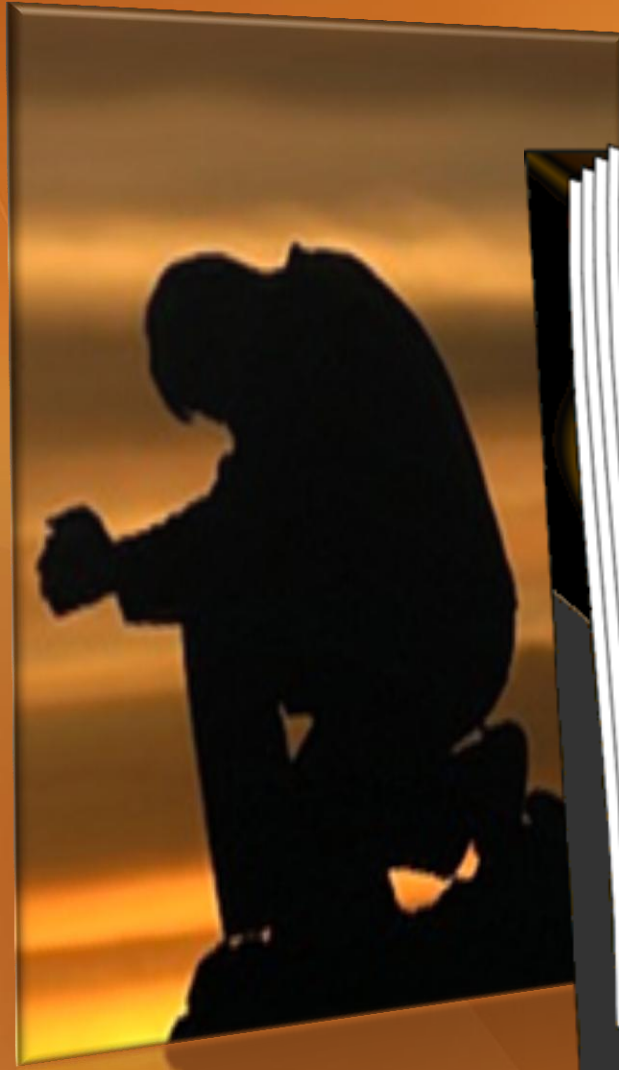
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## **Psalms 73:28 (NKJV)**

<sup>28</sup> But it is good for me to draw near to God; I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, That I may declare all Your works.

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## Characteristics of Being Near To God



### NOT:

- ◆ **Boastful pride** – Ps. 73:3,6
- ◆ **Prosperity** – Ps. 73:3,7,12
- ◆ **The absence of a troubled conscience** – Ps. 73:4
- ◆ **The absence of trouble in their life** – Ps. 73:5



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## Characteristics of Being Near To God



### NOT:

- ◆ **Scoffing and wicked speech** – Ps. 73:8
- ◆ **Proud speech** – Ps. 73:8,9
- ◆ **Joining with others who sin** – Ps. 73:10
- ◆ **A lack of respect** – Ps. 73:11
- ◆ **At ease** – Ps. 73:12

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## Characteristics of Being Near To God



### ARE:

- ◆ **Cleansed heart** – Ps. 73:13
- ◆ **Washed hands** – Ps. 73:13
- ◆ **Hardship** – Ps. 73:14
- ◆ **Concerned about influence on others** – Ps. 73:15
- ◆ **Understands the end of the wicked** – Ps. 73:16-20, 27



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## Characteristics of Being Near To God



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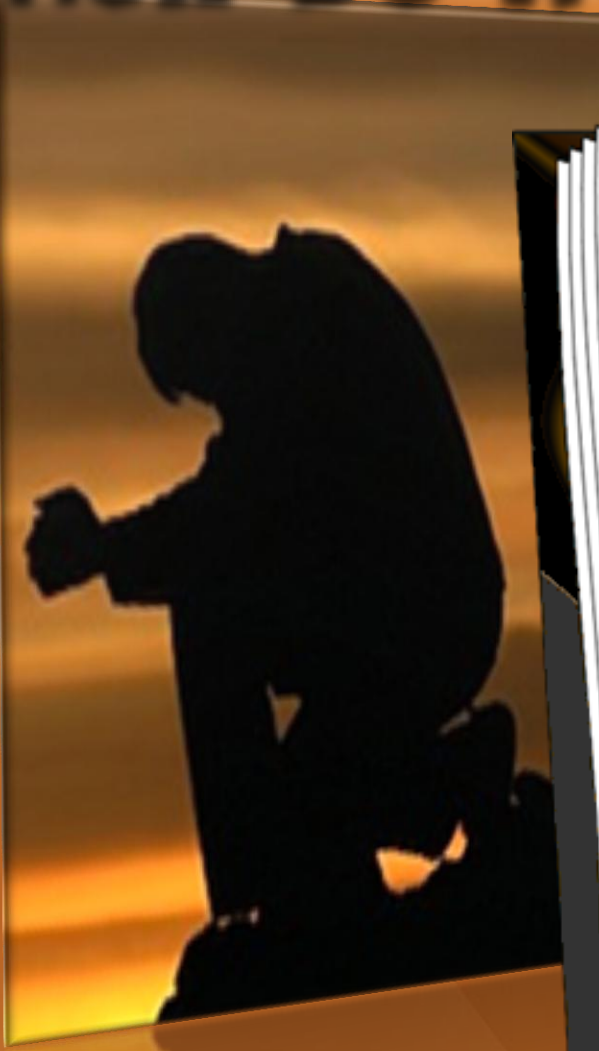
- ◆ **Penitent** – Ps. 73:21,22
- ◆ **Trust in God** – Ps. 73:23,28
- ◆ **Follows God's word, trusting His promises** – Ps. 73:24
- ◆ **Desires God above all things** – Ps. 73:25
- ◆ **Doesn't trust in self** – Ps. 73:26
- ◆ **Tells others** – Ps. 73:28

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## How Do We DRAW Near To God

### Hebrews 10:19-25 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, <sup>21</sup> and *having* a High Priest over the house of God,

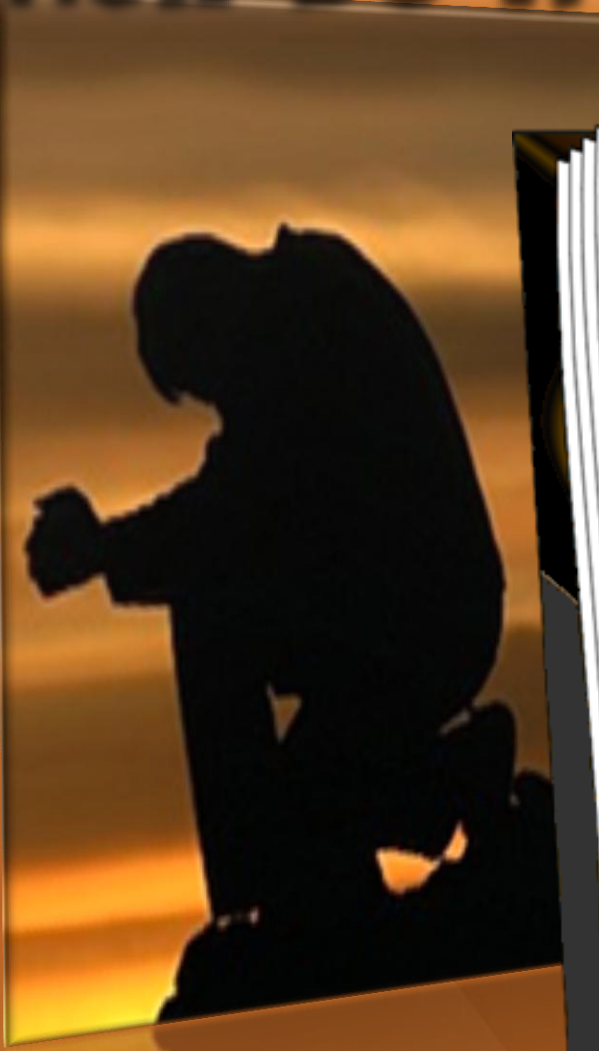


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<sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful.



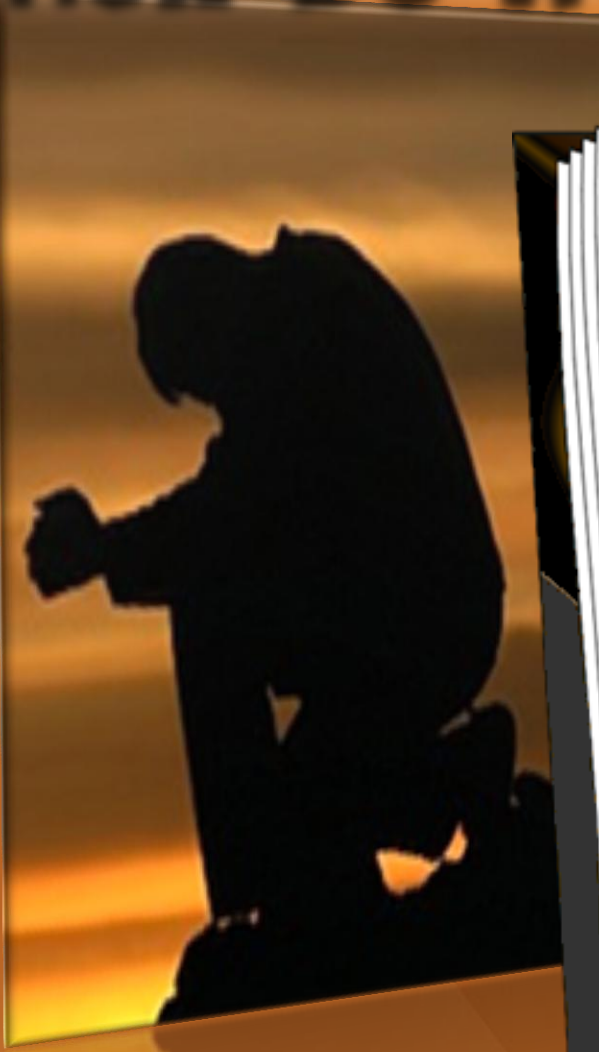


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## How Do We DRAW Near To God

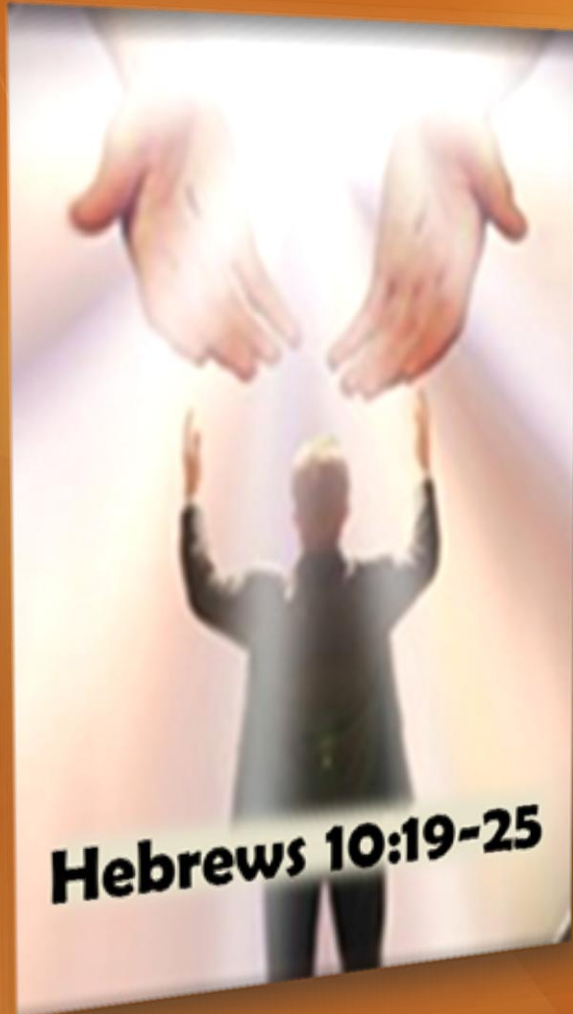
### Hebrews 10:19-25 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as *is the manner of some*, but *exhorting one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.



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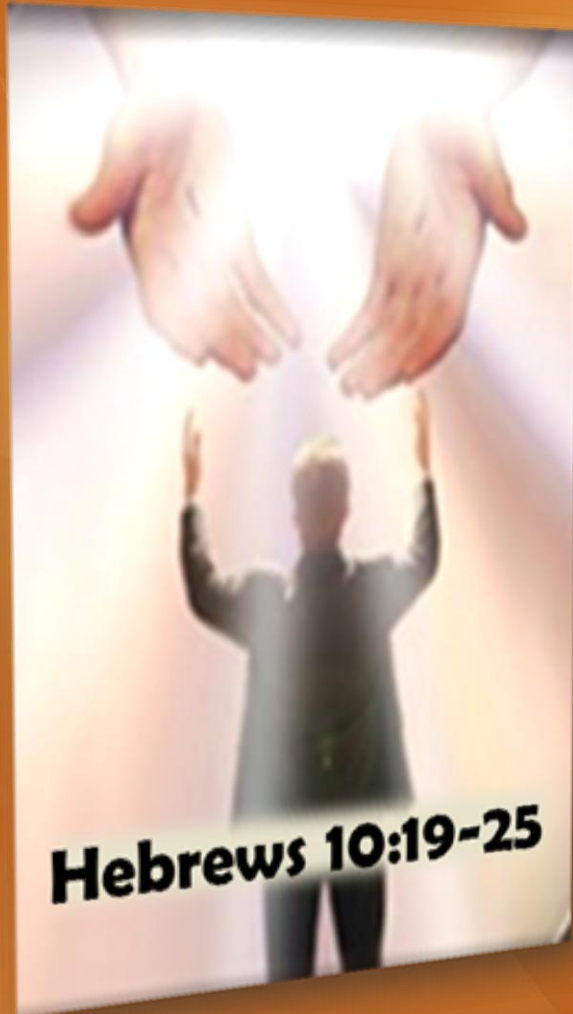
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- ◆ **Knowing we can through Christ** – Heb. 10:19-21; Jn 14:6
- ◆ **Need a true heart** – Heb. 10:22; Ps. 119:2,10,34,58, 69,80,145; Eph. 6:5
- ◆ **Need full assurance of faith** – Heb. 10:22; 6:11; 11:6; Jm. 1:6-9
- ◆ **Obey the gospel** – Heb. 10:22; 1 Pet. 1:22,23; Acts 2:38; Col. 2:11-13; Tit. 3:5; 1 Pet. 3:21

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## How Do We DRAW Near To God



**Hebrews 10:19-25**

- ◆ **Holding fast to the confession of our hope . . .** – Heb. 10:23; 3:6,14; Rev 3:11; 2 Pet, 1:5-10
- ◆ **Considering one another – provoking to love and good works** – Heb. 10:24; 2 Cor. 9:2
- ◆ **Attendance and participation** – Heb. 10:25; Eph. 4:11-16
- ◆ **Exhorting one another** – Heb. 10:25; 13:3; Rom. 12:3-13;



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## How Do We DRAW Near To God



SUBMIT TO GOD —  
RESIST THE DEVIL —  
CLEANSE OUR  
HANDS —  
PURIFY OUR  
HEARTS —  
HUMBLE OURSELVES  
AND REPENT —

### James 4:7-10 (NKJV)

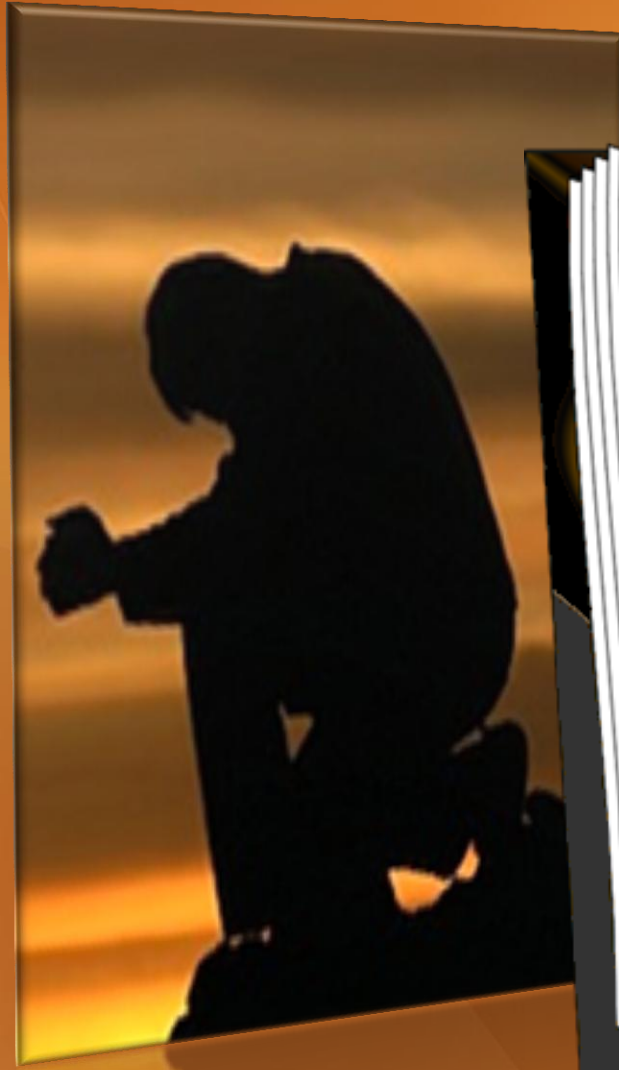
<sup>7</sup> Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *you* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *you* double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

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- ★ AM I BEING SINCERE? IS MY HEART FIXED ON HIM AND UNDIVIDED?
- ★ DO I HAVE UNWAVERING CONFIDENCE IN GOD, HIS SON JESUS AND HIS WORD?
- ★ AM I COMING HUMBLLY, OBEYING GOD'S WILL - COMPLETELY SURRENDERING MY WILL TO HIS?
- ★ IS THERE ANY SIN IN MY LIFE I HAVEN'T DEALT WITH?

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